

Application No. 09/913,448

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REMARKS

Claims 4-6, 11-13 and 17 are pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 4-6 and 11-13 are allowed. Claim 17 has been rejected as indefinite, the Examiner saying that it is not clear whether the "drying" step of claim 17 refers to step (b) or to step (e) of claim 11. Claim 17 is amended herein to recite, "The process of claim 11, wherein, in step (b), said impregnated fiber is dried at a temperature between 90°C and 110°C." This is the proper step to which claim 17 should refer as the temperature range in claim 17 is within the temperature range of step (b) of claim 11 and not within the temperature range of step (e).

Applicants submit that claims 4-6, 11-13 and 17 should be pending after entry of the amendments above. Reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of all of the claims in the application is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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